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Sent: Mon, 7 Feb 2022 16:21:14 +0000
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Cc: Lucas, Russell J
Subject: RE: Tow Truck Information / Status
Importance: Low

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Andy, I have spoken to the SQ - NCRCC representative this morning and was advised that the SQ could, upon request, reach out to their Tow Contractors if we require additional support. Please pass along this information to the planning team and advise if they want to pursue this avenue.

Thanks

Denis

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> Morning Andy. I echo Rob's comments. Great efforts all around.
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> Do you know if anyone within the Planning Group have canvassed any non-towing entities such as PCL Construction, Aecon, Ellis Don, Pomerleau, Tomlinson, Thomas Kavanughs etc….
>
> I have no idea if these construction and haulage firms have their own **heavy tow** capability, but I suspect some do.
>
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Andy,

As per normal you didn't disappoint with your research. I have to say I am very impressed with the thoroughness of your enquiries.

Thank you very much for this information as it contains some interesting facts. Which will no doubt assist with the egress issues.

Rob

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Good Morning Gents,

Ottawa & Area Tow Truck Availability *(& list)*

Over the weekend I reached out to over 41 different Tow Companies in Ottawa & the surrounding area, from Cornwall to Brockville to Pembroke.
The exact same Standard Scripted Question was asked *(read)* to each of them:

With the recent Freedom Truck Convoy Demonstration currently going on in downtown Ottawa. The OPS is compiling a list of all Ottawa & Area Tow Companies, that would be 'Available if called Upon', to assist with towing Vehicles & Heavy Trucks from the downtown area, 'if & when' needed. Looking for a Yes or No.

I managed to actually speak with 20 companies, & the other 21 are unknown's, with either no answer, or msg systems & no call backs.
Of those 20 companies, 10 said Yes, & 10 said No.

Of the 10 that said Yes, all but one, are only equipped to do Small / Regular Vehicle Tows (7000-8000 lbs) not Heavy Tows.
The only company that expressed interest & had Heavy Tow capability, was John Campbell's Towing out of Brockville. *(with some concerns of driver safety, etc.) Unknown at this point if they have a storage area/compound for Heavy trucks or otherwise.*

*It should be noted, that our own usual Ottawa contracted OPS Tow companie REDACT REDACTE both declined, with vague & no valid reason to Not assist. That will be covered in more detail, in a separate related e-mail.

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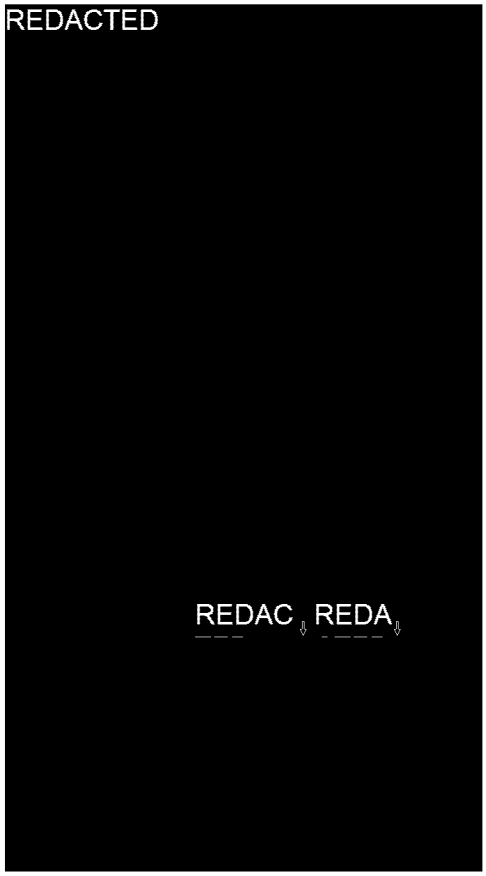

CITY Owned Municipal Heavy Tows

Please note, as per my findings attached below. We / Ottawa, are the only area municipality that have their own Heavy Tow trucks in their city fleet. Which in our case belong to our Transit section OC Transpo. Yesterday I learned from S/Sgt. Kevin Kennedy, that apparently there have been some discussions with OC Transpo, about the use of those Heavy Tows & their staff. So they are on notice, pending further decisions. I doubt even if I reach out to other municipalities west of Kingston that they would have any Heavy City Tow Trucks, as it appears the 'default trend' is to contract out the Heavy Tow requirements.
Although that can still be followed up if necessary.

Regards,

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Subject: Traffic Plan - Tow information

Hello Kevin,

I've spent several hours on the phone yesterday & some follow-up this morning. Trying to ascertain what / if any local municipalities have 'City Owned' Heavy Tow Trucks. Normally for their use in towing broken down *(or stuck)* City Transit Buses in winter, or heavier City truck or bus break downs. It appears that most Neighbouring Cites may have at one time, had their own Heavy Tow Trucks. However for a variety of reasons they have all gone to Private Tow Companies in their respective areas, for their recovery work. Below is the information I was able to obtain, working east & west of Ottawa.

City of Ottawa / OC Transpo:

- We / Ottawa have 3 Heavy Tow Trucks at OC Transpo. Normally 2 are on Stand-by, & often one sitting at Hurdman Station awaiting deployment. The other one floats, or is at the garage at 1500 St. Laurent Depot.
- This of course is, as long as they have Operators for them that are either in (as they are also Garage attendants as well) or if they need them outside of their working hours are available to get called in.
- If not the default is REDA, REDA, which is the contracted Stand by Tow Company if our own Heavy Tows are not available or over tasked.

- Often during heavy snow storms, they are on Stand-By to pull out stuck buses.
- Our City of Ottawa Fleet (Swansea or elsewhere) do not have Heavy Tow trucks, often also use contacted tows.
- ** Note, it was brought to my attention, that if our City / OC Transpo Heavy Tows were to be considered for use, they would likely need to be operated only by their staff, as there could possibly be (ATU) Amalgamated Transit Union issues otherwise.. so I was advised **

REDACTED

City of Montreal / STM:

- Unfortunately after several calls to a variety of people / sections, & numerous hand offs, no answer or call back.
- Further Information possibly Pending

-REDACTED

City of Gatineau / STO:

- They do not have a Heavy Tow Truck anymore, they used to.

REDACTED

City of Cornwall / Cornwall Transit:

- They also do not have Heavy Tow Trucks anymore.
- They use contracted tows, that have Heavy Tow capability.

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- Herb's has one of the largest Heavy Tow Truck Fleets & Recovery Crane Services in the Area, he does most of the Heavy recoveries along the Eastern 401 corridor.
- Most of this information obtained through OPP Long Sault, as again difficulty getting ahold of anyone at the City of Cornwall Transit, or City Police.
*Of Note however, apparently Herb's Travel Plaza was used by the East Convoy as a stopping point Enr into Ottawa.

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City of Kingston / Kingston Transit:

- You guessed it, they also do not have Heavy Tow Trucks anymore.
- Use contracted tows, that have Heavy Tow capability.

REDACTED

I know you didn't ask for Information from: Brockville, Belleville, Oshawa/Durham, or the Canadian Military!!..
So I have not reached out to them, but did obtain their contact info. through the
REDACTED see list below.

Transit Authority	Contact
STO (Gatineau)	REDACTED
STM (Montreal)	
Cornwall Transit	
Brockville Transit	

Kingston Transit	B[redacted]
Belleville Transit	M
Oshawa Transit (Durham)	D

If there is anything else that you need, let me know.

Kindest Regards,
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Thanks Andy

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Subject: Traffic Plan - Tow information

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Hey Kevin,

Rob tasked me with that, I've spent most of the afternoon on the phone working on getting the information. The Heavy Tow Info. from the neighbouring municipalities you asked about. Just waiting on a reply from Montreal, & I'll compile what I have,, with a follow-up e-mail.

Regards,
Andy J.

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Ok Rob...can you work on this tomorrow as best possible.

I suspect we're headed to an action early next week.

The primary route (police and tow route) will be Rideau to Waller or Nicholas and then out.

Can I also ask that you try to identify the truck assets and possible tow/storage locations. I know its a lot in a short period of time and I apologize but we're all getting jammed now.

Tks

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Subject: Re: Traffic Plan

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Hi Kevin,

I won't be able to start anything in relation to this plan today. There are only two Sgts working today with all other Sgts being required to take a forced day off.

Myself and Ed Yeoman have been tasked with planning for the Traffic component relating to convoy movement and demonstrations over Saturday and Sunday.

I have reached out to Andy Jasiak who is being requested to reach out to other municipalities to ascertain what resources they might have.

Reach out if necessary please.

Rob

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Subject: Traffic Plan

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Hi Rob

Just a follow up to yesterday (sorry I had to leave for a personal appointment) can I ask you to take care of the following…

The last direction we've been given is that we will likely remove vehicles from the Sussex/Rideau west to the Chateau. The responsibility for securing the area during this operation will be the boots on the ground. However, we have to establish an maintain an emergency route in and out, which will likely be the same as a tow route. We will be establishing it and holding it.

We have a person in Brookstreet with us who is a police member from another service but also owns a small trucking company. He is our imbedded "expert" on how best to tow these vehicles out of there given their position, direction pointing and towing radius. He can do an assessment to do an assessment on the best route out (i.e. tow west to Elgin, or south on Col By to Daly or east to Nicholas). I would prefer the Daly route but that too has some risks.

The ask: can you link up with him to determine the best route out. Then design a traffic plan to secure the route during operations (I don't want other truckers blocking it at any time). The route may have to be held for a lengthy period of time depending on the clearing operation that will be the first stage in the process. I would want a secondary route identified that those who wish to leave voluntarily can take (that way they don't start to drive and block our primary route.

Lastly, based upon the type of vehicles that may need to be towed, we need to know what is available. I suspect (based on info already received) private tow companies may not want to assist. So, can you reach out to other municipalities and see what city resources they have to assist with the tows. I suggest the larger centres that have a mass transit system. We have OC Transpo tow vehicles so lets see what Gatineau, Kingston, Cornwall and Montreal have. We can reach out further later if required. It's not an ask for their vehicles at this point, just a research exercise.

Thanks Rob.

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